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Administrative Penalties				
Suncor Energy Inc.	MD of Wood Buffalo 23-92-10-W4 24-92-10-W4 25-92-10-W4 26-92-10-W4	14-Oct-09 Assessed: $5,000.00	AEPEA(R) 227(e)	The Company operates the Oil Sands Processing Plant and Mine pursuant to an Approval. It contravened its license by releasing vapours containing nitrogen, hydrocarbons and H2S through ineffective operation of the VRU hydrogen sulphide treatment unit for the periods of August 26th through August 31st, 2007; and failure to immediately report this contravention of the Approval. Notice of Appeal received 13 November 2009 by the Environmental Appeal Board. Amended Notice of Administrative Penalty issued 5 February 2010 reducing the total penalty by $2500.00 for the reporting contravention. Paid in full ($5000.00) 8 February 2010. Discontinuance of Proceedings received by the Environmental Appeal Board 10 February 2010. File Closed.
TAQA North Ltd.	Kneehill County SW-28-30-27-W4	18-Nov-09 Assessed: $8,000.00	WA 142(1)(e)	The Company contravened its licence with late submission of water usage data, diversion of water in excess of the total amount permitted under the Temporary Diversion Licence, failure to install a metering device to measure water usage at the diversion site, failure to measure the water levels in the waterbody and to submit this data to the Director as required by the licence. Paid 11 December 2009

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Environmental Protection Orders				
Gauchoil Incorporated	MD of Bonnyville SW-26-61-1-W4	14-Dec-09	AEPEA(R) 140 113	The Company was licenced or otherwise authorized by the Energy Resources Conservation Board ["ERCB"] to operate the well. The ERCB issued the Abandonment Order to the Company, the Surface Rights Board issued the Termination Order and Alberta Environment ["AENV"] has not issued reclamation certificates. AENV is of the opinion that work is necessary in order to conserve and reclaim the site and is of the opinion that a release of one or more substances into the environment may occur, is occurring or has occurred that may cause, is causing or has caused an adverse effect on the environment. The Company shall submit and implement an Investigative Plan, submit and implement a Remedial Plan, submit and implement a Reclamation Plan; and apply for a reclamation certificate once the criteria has been met.

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Tickets				
McDonald, Tanya Lynn	Olds	28-Oct-09 Penalty: $115.00	AEPEA(R) 179(1)	Tanya McDonald conducted an activity, the improper disposal of waste on the highway. Paid 28 October 2009.
Boucher, Mitchell	Drayton Valley	17-Nov-09 Penalty: $115.00	AEPEA(R) 61	Mr. Boucher burned prohibited debris in an open fire without an approval. Paid 17 November 2009.
In-line Contracting Ltd.	Spruce Grove	01-Dec-09 Penalty: $115.00	AEPEA(R) 61	The Company conducted an activity, the burning of prohibited debris without an Approval. Paid 1 December 2009.

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Warning Letters				
Hutterian Brethren Church of West Raley	Cardston County NE-12-4-25-W4	15-Oct-09	AEPEA(R) 61	The Hutterian Brethren Church of West Raley conducted an activity, the burning of prohibited debris without an Approval on June 10, 2009.
Poitras, Lockey Stanley	Ardenode SE-21-25-25-W4	15-Oct-09	WA 205/98 4(3)	Mr. Poitras conducted an activity, installation of a culvert in the fall of 2006 without a Code of Practice for Watercourse Crossings notification to Alberta Environment. Erosion of the bed and bank of the adjacent shore occurred due to improper installation of the culvert.
Gateway Industrial Park Ltd.	Bonnyville NE-11-61-6-W4	19-Oct-09	WA 36(1)	The Company conducted an activity, unauthorized vegetation removal and destruction of a wetland on or about September 8, 2008.
Grande Cache Coal Corporation	MD of Greenview 58-8-W6	22-Oct-09	WA 142(1)(e)	The Company contravened its licences with the exceedance of annual licenced gross ground and surface water diversions for the operational years 2005, 2006 and 2007 and conducted diversion of ground water from Mine 7 without a licence for the operational year of 2008.
Hilliard's Bay Estates Inc.	Slave Lake SE-20-75-13-W5	22-Oct-09	WA COPOS 3(1)	The Company conducted an activity, the construction of an outfall structure without authorization under the Water Act on June 23, 2009.
MacDonald, Phillip Daniel	Crowsnest Pass Plan 3319L, Block 12, Lot 9-10	22-Oct-09	AEPEA(R) 24/97 5(1)	Mr. MacDonald conducted an activity, the application of a pesticide (Killex) into holes drilled into a tree on or about June 15, 2008.
Justica Land & Cattle Inc.	MD of Big Lakes S-30-73-13-W5	29-Oct-09	WA 36	The Company conducted an activity, the unauthorized construction of a watercourse crossing on Mission Creek on July 27, 2009. The construction of the dam impacted the flow of water of this fish bearing creek to Slave Lake.
ConocoPhillips Canada (BRC) Ltd.	Brazeau County 25-45-10-W5	06-Nov-09	AEPEA(R) 61	The Company conducted an activity, the installation of a new compressor at the O'Chiese sour gas processing plant that began operating on September 24,

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				2008, without proper authorization.
5TH Ave Water Co-op Ltd.	Cardston County	18-Nov-09	AEPEA(R) 83.1	The Company failed to comply with the Code of Practice for a Waterworks System Consisting Solely of a Water Distribution System. An Inspection March 27, 2009 determined late completion of the Written Operations Program; failure to have a Certified Operator; failure to take required number of samples; and improper reporting and record keeping as required under the license.
Suncor Energy Inc.	Fort McMurray	30-Nov-09	AEPEA(R) 227(e)	The Company operates the Fort McMurray Oil sands Plant pursuant to an Approval. It contravened its license with the release of substances from the industrial wastewater ponds into the Athabasca River exceeding approved limits on September 8, 2007.
821951 Alberta Ltd.	MD of Foothills S-29-22-3-W5 NW-29-22-3-W5	02-Dec-09	AEPEA(R) 227(e)	The Company is the holder of an agreed contract with the approval holder, Priddis Creek Developments Ltd., to operate its Wastewater Treatment Plant. During inspections at the facility several approval contraventions were discovered; failure to record the weekly quantity of any chemical added to the wastewater for all of 2008 and part of 2009, and a failure to properly sample treated wastewater used for irrigation for 2008.
Bergie's Pumping + Vacuum 2007 Ltd.	Onoway SW-11-55-1-W5	02-Dec-09	AEPEA(R) 176	The Company conducted an activity, the improper disposal of sump waste in 2007.
Hutterian Brethren Church of Pine Haven	County of Wetaskiwin NW-28-45-23-W4	03-Dec-09	AEPEA(R) 61	The Hutterian Brethren Church of Pine Haven conducted an activity, the burning of prohibited debris (treated power poles) without an Approval on October 30, 2009.
Giammarco, Mike	MD of Foothills Plan 8087JK	04-Dec-09	WA 36	Mr. Giammarco conducted an activity, the unauthorized excavations in an unnamed creek on or about May 2008.

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Drumheller Co-op Ltd.	Starland County SW-5-30-20-W4	08-Dec-09	AEPEA(R) 227(e)	The Company holds a Code of Practice Registration for the land treatment of soil containing hydrocarbons. It contravened its license with the closure of a Class II registered site that was completed beyond the three-year limitation period.
Sunterra Beef Ltd.	Rocky View County SW-1-26-29-W4	14-Dec-09	AEPEA(R) 110(1)	The Company had an unauthorized release of ammonia from the refrigeration system at the Balzac meat packing plant on or about January 6 and 29 of 2009.
Canada Colors and Chemicals Limited	Leduc	22-Dec-09	AEPEA(R) 191	The Company disposed of hazardous wastewater without the proper manifest from January 2008 through to September 2009.

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